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1.1 Interface Analysis Database (IADB) Design

The Interface Analysis Database (IADB) facilitates the capture and analysis of potentially conflicting interface specifications derived from multiple sources. The basic approach is to manage a hierarchy of document, interface, and data item definitions and specifications, which are manually extracted from source documents and entered into the database. Analysts use predefined queries and formats in the IADB to generate reports documenting the completeness and consistency of the specifications, both within and between documents. The IADB supports concurrent entry and analysis of interface specifications by multiple users. All document titles, component/element/system names, organization names, and data item class names are stored in tables and can be created, edited and deleted through the IADB user interface.

Interface analysis is supported at both the interface requirements document (IRD) and interface control document (ICD) levels. At the IRD level, IRDs are analyzed for internal consistency and completeness, as well as for consistency with other comparably detailed documents. To support internal consistency analysis, each IRD is divided into three subsections: requirements, interface chart (i.e., table), and interface diagram. Separate interface and data item specifications are maintained for each subsection of each IRD. For the purpose of analyzing consistency between IRDs, and between IRDs and other documents, the requirements subsection is used as the baseline specification. The IADB enables analysts to electronically import and link IRD requirements to the data item specifications to which each requirement pertains, assuring the accuracy of the data item specifications with respect to the source requirements. To manage inconsistent names for data items between source documents, analysts specify alias, sub-item and subclass relationships between names using an integrated data dictionary.

To support end-to-end consistency and completeness analysis at the IRD level, the IADB supports the association of component/element/system input-to-output data flows via intermediate, analyst-defined functions. This is accomplished via the following steps:

- 1. The analyst electronically imports the IRD requirements.
- 2. The analyst associates the imported requirements with the corresponding source document title and version.
- 3. For each source document, the analyst associates each requirement with the component(s)/element(s)/system(s) to which the requirement applies.
- 4. For each component/element/system, the analyst defines the functions provided and associates each requirement with one or more functions.
- 5. For each component/element/system and function, the analyst associates input and output data flows.

Once the input-to-output relationships are established, they are used to generate end-to-end data communications, processing and storage flows. This supports verification of the logical consistency and completeness of the interface specifications on an end-to-end basis.

At the ICD level, the IADB supports the following types of consistency and completeness analyses:

- Consistency of each ICD with the parent IRD(s)
- Internal consistency of each ICD
- Internal completeness of each ICD

The precise methodology and IADB user interface design for ICD-level analysis is TBD. As we define our detailed approach, we will update this document accordingly.

1.1.1 IADB Installation and Startup

1.1.2 IADB GUI Design

Exhibit 1.1.2-1 depicts the hierarchy of major windows and dialogue boxes for the IADB.

Executive Interface Document Generate Report Requirements to Systems Pick IRD Pick IRD/Other Doc Organization Pick Component/Element/System Interface Pick ICD Component/Element/System Data Item Data Dictionary Add Has Alias Add Has Sub-iter Add Has Subclas Add Links Find Requirement Data Dictionary Component/Element/System Add Has Alias Add Has Subordinate Add Has Sub-item Requirements to Functions Add Has Subclass **Function Inputs and Outputs** Unassigned Requirements

Interface Analysis Database User Interface Structure

Exhibit 1.1.2-1 IADB User Interface Hierarchy

The following subsections detail the major windows and dialogue boxes of the IADB user interface.

1.1.2.1 IADB Executive Interface Screen

The Executive Interface Screen opens automatically when the IADB application is launched. The Executive Interface provides the user with the top-level choices within the IADB, including the following:

- Create, browse and edit interface specifications, including document definitions, interfaces, data item specifications, and links to requirements
- Generate any of a variety of consistency and completeness reports
- Create, browse and edit data item class definitions and interrelationships
- Associate requirements with source documents
- Create, browse and edit component/element/system definitions
- Create, browse and edit organization definitions

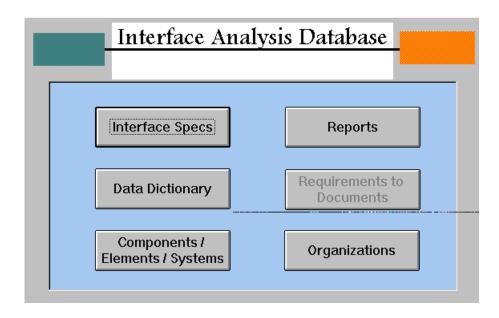


Exhibit 1.1.2-2 IADB Executive Interface Screen

Button	Action
Interface Specs	Opens Document screen
Reports	Opens Generate Report screen
Data Dictionary	Opens Data Dictionary (Data Item Class) screen
Requirements to	Opens Unassigned Requirements screen (enabled only when Requirements table
Documents	contains unassigned requirements)
Components / Elements /	Opens Component/Element/System screen
Systems	
Organizations	Opens Organization screen

1.1.2.2 IADB Documents Screen

The Documents Screen enables creation, browsing and editing of document definitions, browsing and deletion of associated interfaces, and opening of the Requirements to Systems, Organizations, and Interface screens.

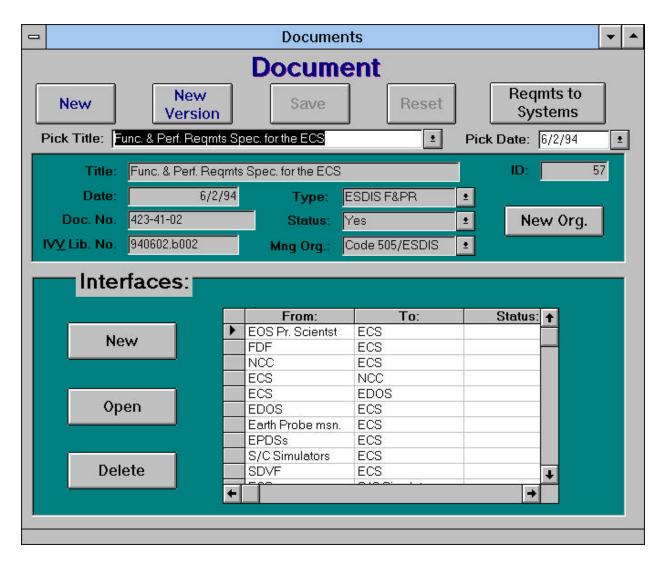


Exhibit 1.1.2-3 IADB Document Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
Pick Title	text	document titles
Pick Date	date/time	document dates given title
Title	text box	selected title
ID	integer	selected document ID
Date	date/time	selected date
Type	text	selected document type
Doc No.	text	selected document number
Status	text	selected document status
IVV Lib. No.	text	selected document IVV library
		number
Mng. Org.	displays text (organization name)	organization linked to selected
	stores integer (organization ID)	document
From	text	component/element/system ID/name
To	text	component/element/system ID/name
Status	text	TBD

Button	Action
New [Document]	Clears document screen for new document definition
New Version	Opens a document selection screen to enable generation of a copy of its database contents as a point of departure for a entering a new version
Save	Saves the current contents of the screen
Reset	Undoes unsaved changes to the screen
Requirements	Opens Requirements screen to display requirements associated with current document
New Org.	Opens Organization screen to enable entry of a new organization definition
New [Interface]	Opens Interface screen for entry of a new interface definition
Open	Opens Interface screen to selected interface
Delete	Deletes selected interface definition and associated data items

1.1.2.3 IADB Organization Screen

The Organization Screen enables the creation, browsing and editing of organization definitions.

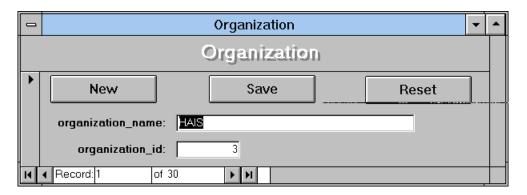


Exhibit 1.1.2-4 IADB Organization Screen

FIELDS:

Field	Data Type	Source
Organization Name	Text	Organization name
Organization ID	Integer	Organization ID

BUTTONS:

Button	Action
New	Clears screen for new organization definition
Save	Saves the current contents of the screen
Reset	Undoes unsaved changes to the screen

1.1.2.4 IADB Unassigned Requirements Screen

The Unassigned Requirements Screen is used to associate imported requirements with the appropriate source document. The approach is to import one set of requirements at a time into the Tempreq table, copy the requirements into the Requirements table, and then open the Unassigned Requirements screen from the Executive Interface and select the appropriate source document.

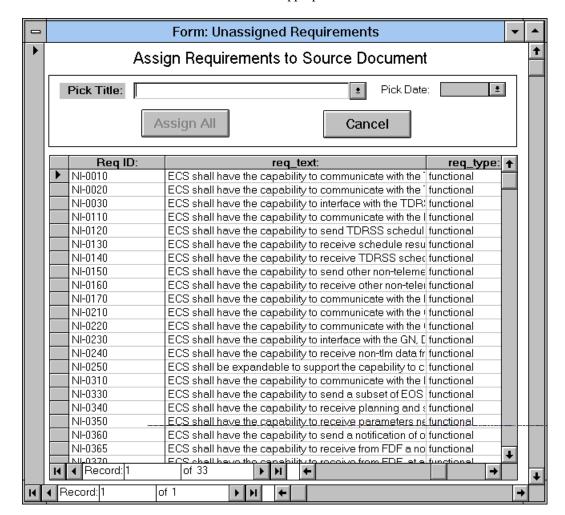


Exhibit 1.1.2-5 IADB Unassigned Requirements Screen

FIELDS:

Field	Data Type	Source
Pick Title	Text	Document titles
Pick Date	Date/time	Document dates given title
Req_title	text	programmatic title for requirement
Req_text	memo	requirement text
Req_type	text	functional, performance,
		operational, interface

BUTTONS:

Button	Action	
Assign All	Assigns requirements to selected document	
Cancel	Closes the screen without assigning requirements to a document	

1.1.2.5 IADB Requirements to Systems Screen

This screen enables the analyst to associate each requirement from a given document with the components, elements, and/or systems to which the requirement applies.

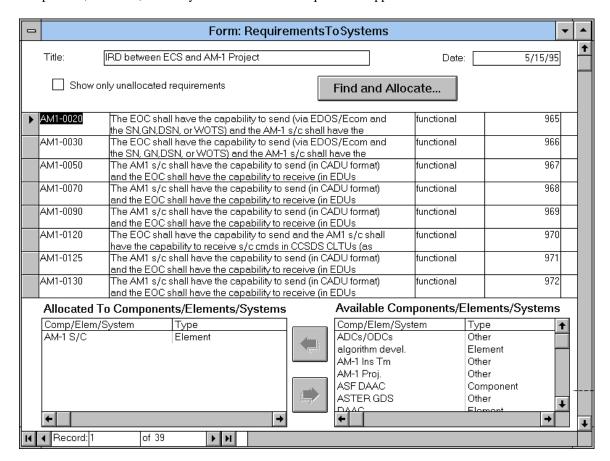


Exhibit 1.1.2-6 IADB Requirements to Systems Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
Title	Text	Document title
Date	Date/time	Document date
Req_title	text	programmatic title for requirement
Req_text	memo	requirement text
Req_type	text	functional, performance,
		operational, interface
Req_id	integer	internally assigned requirement ID
Allocated to Components / Elements	displays text	abbreviated names/types/IDs for
/ Systems	stores integer	components / elements / systems to
		which selected requirement has been
		allocated

Available Components / Elements /	displays text	abbreviated names/types/IDs for
Systems	stores integer	components / elements / systems to
		which selected requirement has not
		been allocated

Button	Action
Find and Allocate	Opens the Find and Allocate screen from which requirements containing specific
	strings can be assigned to a specified component, element or system
Allocate (Left) Arrow	Allocates the selected requirement to the component, element or system selected in
	the "Available" list
Deallocate (Right) Arrow	Deallocates the selected requirement from the component, element or system selected
	in the "Allocated To" list

1.1.2.6 IADB Interface Screen

The Interface Screen enables the creation and browsing of interfaces associated with a given document, the browsing and deletion of associated data items, the opening of the Component/Element/System and Data Item screens.

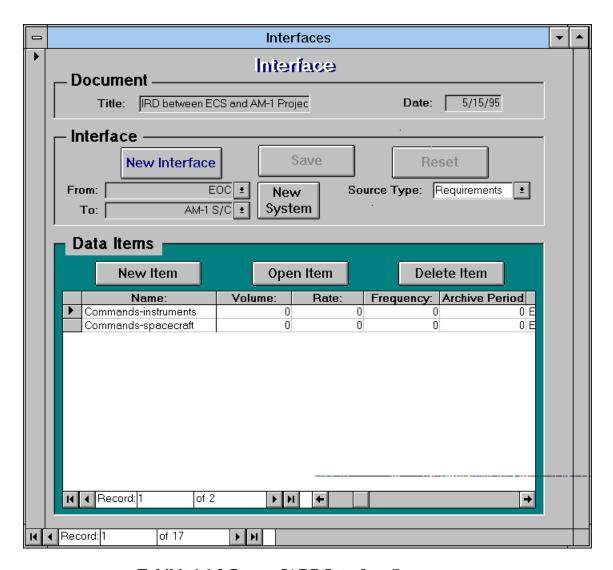


Exhibit 1.1.2-7 IADB Interface Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
Title	text	Document title
Date	date/time	Document date
From	text	component/element/system ID/name
То	text	component/element/system ID/name
Source Type	text	"Requirements", "Chart", or "Diagram"
Name [Data Item]	text	data item class name
Volume	number	data flow volume
Volume Units	text	volume units
Rate	number	data flow rate
Rate Units	text	rate units
Frequency	number	data flow frequency
Frequency Units	text	frequency units

Archive Period	number	archive period
Archive Period Units	text	archive period units

Button	Action
New Interface	Clears screen for new interface definition
Save	Saves the current contents of the screen
Reset	Undoes unsaved changes to the screen

1.1.2.7 IADB Component/Element/System Screen

This screen enables (1) the creation, browsing and editing of component/element/system definitions, (2) creation, editing and deletion of sub-element relationships between components, elements and systems, and (3) the opening of the Organization screen and Function Inputs and Outputs screen.

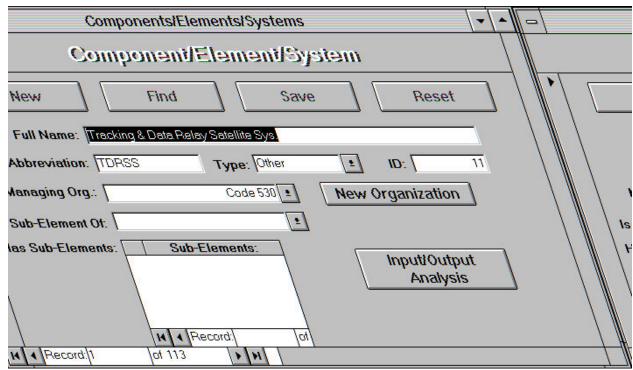


Exhibit 1.1.2-8 IADB Component/Element/System Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
Full Name	text	component/element/system name
Abbreviation	text	component/element/system abbreviation
Type	text	component, element or system
ID	integer	component/element/system ID
Managing Org.	displays text stores integer	name/ID of the managing organization
Is Sub-element Of	displays text	name/ID of the parent

	stores integer	component/element/system
Has Sub-elements	displays text	names/IDs of the subordinate
	stores integer	components/elements/systems

Button	Action	
New	Clears screen for new component/element/system definition	
Find	Opens a subordinate dialogue box to find a specified component/element/system	
Save	Saves the current contents of the screen	
Reset	Undoes unsaved changes to the screen	
New Organization	Opens the Organization screen for entry of a new organization definition	
Input/Output Analysis	Opens the Function Inputs and Outputs screen for the current	
	component/element/system	

1.1.2.8 IADB Requirements to Functions Screen

This screen is used to associate a given component/element/system's requirements with analyst-defined functions, which in turn provide the basis for logically relating input and output data flows.

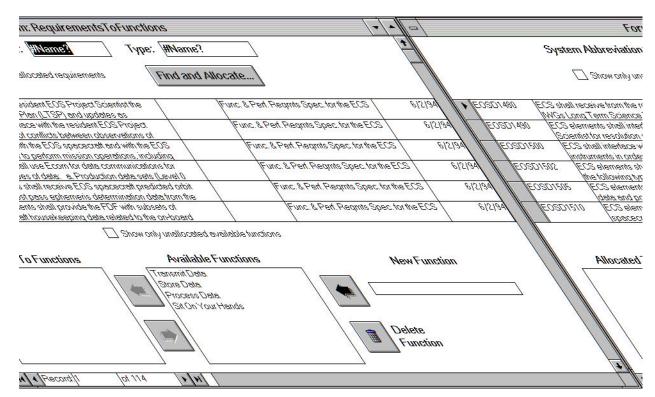


Exhibit 1.1.2-9 IADB Requirements to Functions Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
System Abbreviation	text	component/element/system

		abbreviation
Type	text	component, element or system
Allocated to Functions	list of text	Functions associated with current component/element/system and
		currently selected requirement
Available Functions	list of text	Functions associated with current
		component/element/system but not
		with currently selected requirement
New Function	text	user-defined function assigned to
		current component/element/system
Req_id	integer	internally assigned requirement ID
Req_text	memo	requirement text
Req_type	text	functional, performance,
		operational, interface

Button	Action
Find and Allocate	Opens the Find and Allocate screen from which requirements containing specific
	strings can be assigned to a specified function
Allocate (Left) Arrow	Allocates the selected requirement to the function selected in the "Available" list
Deallocate (Right) Arrow	Deallocates the selected requirement from the function selected in the "Allocated To"
	list
Add Function (Left)	Associates a user-defined function with the current component/element/system,
Arrow	adding the function to the "Available" list
Delete Function (Trash	Disassociates the function selected in the "Available" list from the current
Can)	component/element/system and removes it from the "Available" list
Show Only Unallocated	When selected, displays only those requirements not already allocated to at least one
Requirements	function
Show Only Unallocated	When selected, displays only those available functions not already allocated to at least
Functions	one requirement

1.1.2.9 IADB Function Inputs and Outputs Screen

The Function Inputs and Outputs screen enables the analyst to associate input and output data flows with each function for a given component/element/system.

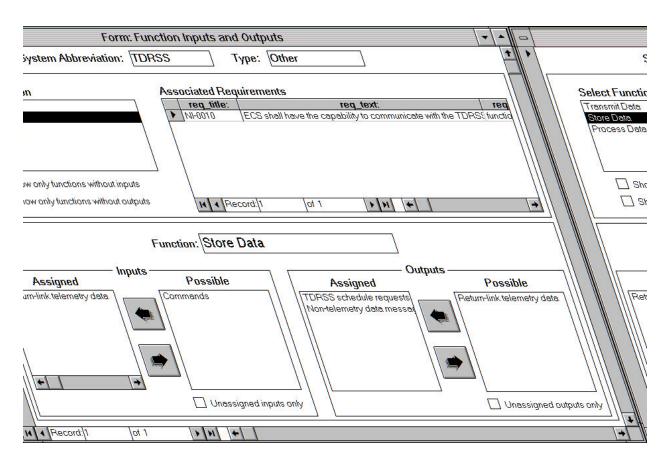


Exhibit 1.1.2-10 IADB Function Inputs and Outputs Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
System Abbreviation	text	component/element/system abbreviation
Type	text	component, element or system
Select Function		
Req_id	integer	internally assigned requirement ID
Req_text	memo	requirement text
Req_type	text	functional, performance, operational, interface
Function	text	displays selected function name from upper portion of window
Assigned Inputs	list of text	names of data item classes that have been assigned as inputs to selected function
Possible Inputs	list of text	names of data item classes that that are inputs to current component/element/system and which have not been assigned as inputs to selected function
Assigned Outputs	list of text	names of data item classes that have been assigned as outputs to selected

		function
Possible Outputs	list of text	names of data item classes that that
		are outputs of current
		component/element/system and
		which have not been assigned as
		outputs of selected function

Button	Action
Show Only Functions	When selected, displays only those functions to which no inputs have been assigned
Without Inputs	
Show Only Functions	When selected, displays only those functions to which no outputs have been assigned
Without Outputs	
Assign Input (Left) Arrow	Assigns the selected possible input to the selected function
De-assign Input (Right)	De-assigns the selected assigned input from the selected function
Arrow	
Only Unassigned Inputs	When selected, displays only those possible inputs that are not assigned to any
	functions
Assign Output (Left)	Assigns the selected possible output to the selected function
Arrow	
De-assign Output (Right)	De-assigns the selected assigned output from the selected function
Arrow	
Only Unassigned Outputs	When selected, displays only those possible outputs that are not assigned to any
	functions

1.1.2.10 IADB Data Item Screen

The Data Item Screen enables the (1) creation, browsing and editing of data items for a given document and interface, (2) browsing and deletion of links to requirements, and (3) the opening of the Data Dictionary and Add [requirement] Links screens.

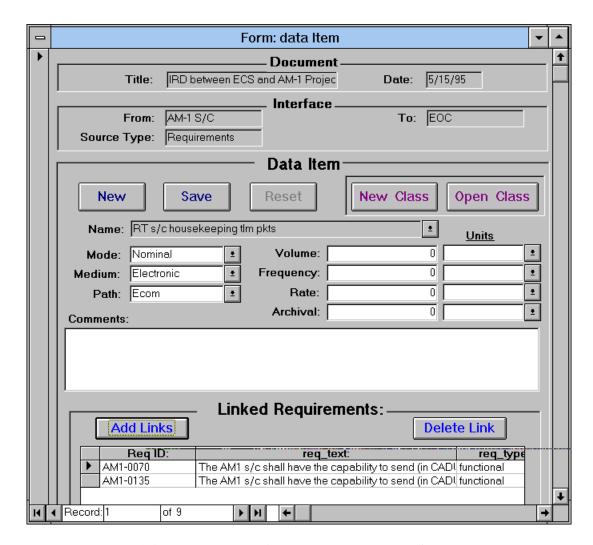


Exhibit 1.1.2-11 IADB Data Item Form Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
Title	text	Document title
Date	date/time	Document date
From	text	component/element/system ID/name
То	text	component/element/system ID/name
Source Type	text	"Requirements", "Chart", or "Diagram"
Name [Data Item]	text	data item class name; entry of undefined name automatically adds name to data dictionary
Mode	text	operational mode, e.g., pre-launch, launch, nominal operations
Medium	text	communications medium, e.g., voice, paper, electronic
Path	text	electronic communications path, e.g., Ecom, NOLAN

Volume	number	data flow volume
Volume Units	text	volume units
Rate	number	data flow rate
Rate Units	text	rate units
Frequency	number	data flow frequency
Frequency Units	text	frequency units
Archive Period	number	archive period
Archive Period Units	text	archive period units
Comments	memo	comments between analysts
Req_id	integer	internally assigned requirement ID
Req_text	memo	requirement text
Req_type	text	functional, performance,
		operational, interface

Button	Action	
New	Clears screen for new interface definition	
Save	Saves the current contents of the screen	
Reset	Undoes unsaved changes to the screen	
New Class	Opens the Data Dictionary screen for entry of a new data item class	
Open Class	Opens the Data Dictionary screen to the current data item class	
Add Links	Opens the Add Requirement Links screen for creation of new requirement links	
Delete Link	Deletes the link between the current data item and the currently selected requirement	

1.1.2.11 IADB Add Requirement Links Screen

This screen is opened from the Data Item screen to associate requirements from the current source document with the current data item specification. Find and Find Next buttons support the analyst in identifying potentially applicable requirements.

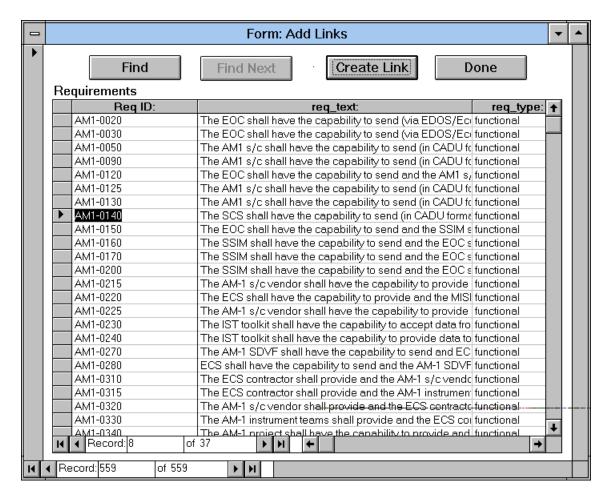


Exhibit 1.1.2-12 IADB Add Requirement Links Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
Req_id	integer	internally assigned requirement ID
Req_text	memo	requirement text
Req_type	text	functional, performance,
		operational, interface

BUTTONS:

Button	Action
Find	Opens subordinate screen for specifying a character string to search for and a
	requirement field to search in
Find Next	Finds the next occurrence of the specified string in the specified field
Create Link	Links the currently selected requirement to the current data item specification
Done	Closes the Add Requirement Links screen

1.1.2.12 IADB Data Dictionary Screen

The Data Dictionary (Data Item Class) screen enables analysts to create, browse and edit data item class definitions, including the creation and deletion of alias, sub-item and subclass relationships between classes.

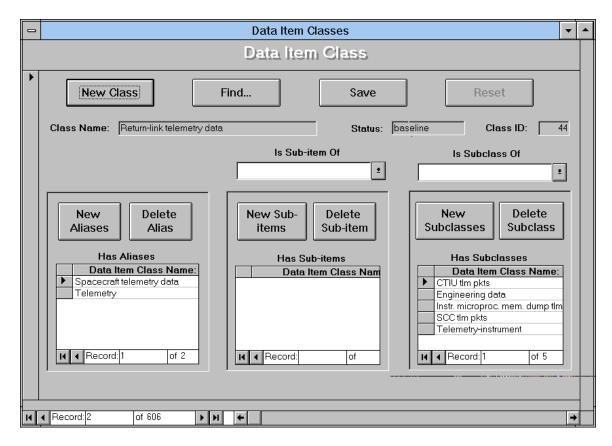


Exhibit 1.1.2-13 IADB Data Dictionary Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
Class Name	text	data item class name
Status	text	baseline, alias or TBD
Class ID	integer	internally assigned data class ID
Is Alias For	displays text	Name/ID of the class for which the
	stores integer	current class is an alias; visible only
		when status is TBD or alias
Is Sub-item Of	displays text	Name/ID of the class for which the
	stores integer	current class is a sub-item; visible
		only when status is TBD or baseline
Is Subclass Of	displays text	Name/ID of the class for which the
	stores integer	current class is a subclass; visible
		only when status is TBD or baseline
Has Aliases	displays text	Names/IDs of the classes that are
	stores integer	aliases of the current class; visible
		only when status is TBD or baseline
Has Sub-items	displays text	Names/IDs of the classes that are
	stores integer	sub-items of the current class;

		visible only when status is TBD or baseline
Has Subclasses	displays text stores integer	Names/IDs of the classes that are subclasses of the current class; visible only when status is TBD or baseline

Button	Action
New Class	Clears the screen for entry of a new data item class definition
Find	Opens subordinate screen for specifying the name of a data item class for which to search
Save	Saves the current contents of the screen
Reset	Undoes unsaved changes to the current data item class
New Aliases	Opens the Add Aliases screen to select additional aliases for the current class
Delete Alias	Deletes the currently selected alias relationship
New Sub-items	Opens the Add Sub-items screen to select additional sub-items for the current class
Delete Sub-item	Deletes the currently selected sub-item relationship
New Subclasses	Opens the Add Subclasses screen to select additional subclasses for the current class
Delete Subclass	Deletes the currently selected subclasses relationship

1.1.2.13 IADB Add Aliases/Add Sub-items/Add Subclasses Screen

The Add Aliases, Add Sub-items, and Add Subclasses screens enable analysts to create relationships between the current data item class on the data dictionary screen and other classes selected from the subordinate screen(s). Only the Add Aliases screen is shown here, as the three screens are virtually identical.

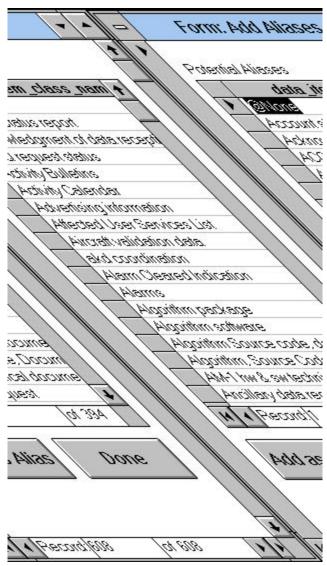


Exhibit 1.1.2-14 IADB Add Aliases Screen

Field	Data Type	Source
Class Name	text	data item class names that are not
		already aliases for current data item
		class from Data Dictionary screen

BUTTONS:

Button	Action
Add as Alias	Creates an alias relationship between the current data item class from the Data
	Dictionary screen and the currently selected data item class in the Add Aliases screen,
	and removes the latter from the selection list
Done	Closes the Add Aliases screen

1.1.2.14 IADB Generate Report Screen

This screen enables any of a variety of reports to be generated pertaining to the contents, consistency and completeness of the interface specifications and data dictionary.

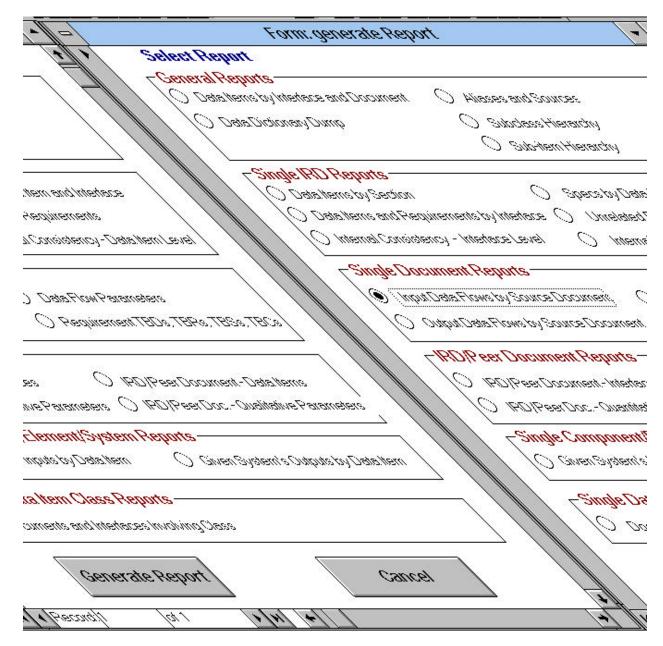


Exhibit 1.1.2-15 IADB Generate Report Screen

BUTTONS:

Button	Action
Generate Report	Either generates the selected report directly (for general reports) or opens a
	subordinate screen from which the user selects the document,
	component/element/system, or data item class upon which the report is to be based.

Cancel	Closes the Generate Report screen